

### CONCLUSION

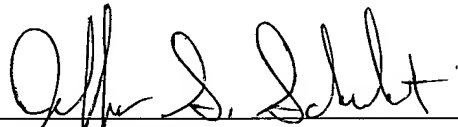
Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment adding claims 31-42 should be entered. The support for the added claims is obvious from a review of the original application and the new claims are numbered from the next highest number after the claims originally submitted. In addition, Applicant submits that the pending and amended claims, claims 1-42, are in allowable form and respectfully requests that examination proceeds. If Examiner has any questions concerning this application, Applicant requests Examiner to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number shown below as soon as possible.

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